

Appl. No. 09/810,908
Amdt. dated November 3, 2005
Reply to final Office action of August 4, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has received the final Office Action dated August 4, 2005, in which the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 9, 10 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cruickshank (U.S. Pat. No. 6,522,738), allowed claims 16-20, and concluded that dependent claims 11 and 12 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Without conceding the merits of the Examiner's rejections and merely to expedite prosecution, Applicant has rewritten dependent claims 11 and 12 into independent form per the Examiner's suggestion. Applicant also has canceled rejected claims 1-10 and 13-15. Claims 1-8 were previously withdrawn in response to a Restriction Requirement and are now canceled to secure issuance of the present case.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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